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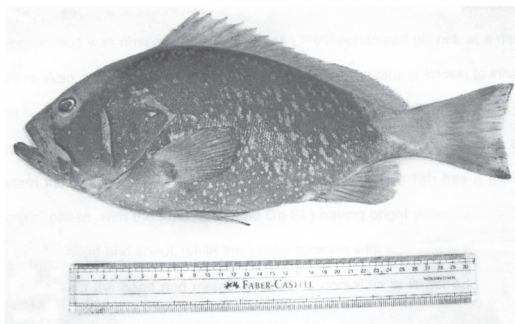
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Blue and Yellow grouper, *Epinephelus flavocaeruleus* caught in a gill net off Chennai

On 18-07-2007, a single specimen of the Blue and Yellow grouper, *Epinephelus flavocaeruleus*



Epinephelus flavocaeruleus landed by a gill net at Chennai

was observed in the landings by a mechanized gill net, at a depth of 30m. Although this fish has been reported from Lakshadweep Islands, the west coast of India and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, there is not much information on its availability and abundance along the east coast of India. A single specimen has been earlier reported to have been caught in a trap near Appa island in the Gulf of Mannar in September 2006. The present report is the first record of this species in the commercial fish landings at Chennai.